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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

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SUBJECT : Unauthorized Disclosures of Intelligence Information

1. Reference is the concern you expressed today about the unauthorized disclosure problem and whether we should task the USIB Security Committee to undertake additional efforts.

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2. As a direct result of his concern over [] the DCI:

a. wrote members of the NSCIC [] to alert them to the problem and ask for their help. Member replies to this memo were encouraging but offered no new suggestions,

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b. issued a "position" paper through USIB to the Community which was unclassified to enable wide dissemination;

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c. asked USIB principals to provide him with specific instances of unauthorized disclosure of sensitive intelligence with which approximate dollar costs can be linked for inclusion in a report to the NSCIC on what the Community is doing about the leaks problem. The ad hoc group which I am to chair is a direct outgrowth of this request (the first meeting will be held on 6 February); and

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d. asked the Legislative Counsel to develop proposed legislation which would strengthen enforcement of his responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. This proposed legislation has been forwarded to OMB for review and will be one of the agenda items at the forthcoming NSCIC meeting.

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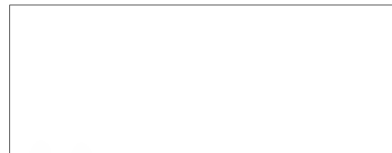
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3. Other actions also may have bearing on this problem, such as the survey by the Security Committee of the dissemination and handling of NIEs and NSSMs and other highly sensitive intelligence materials.

4. Attached for your information is a compilation of official actions and correspondence relating to press leaks, for the period 1958-1973, prepared by the Office of Security, together with a listing of unauthorized disclosures as contained in the Office of Security's data bank. I would appreciate having this material returned when you are through with it.

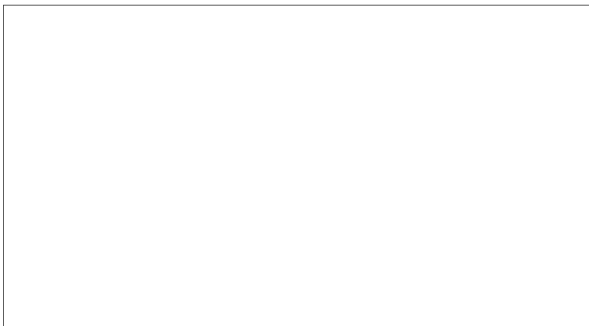
5. In sum, I do not believe that any additional tasking of USIB is needed pending the results of the actions already in train.

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